



K12 Inc. and Virginia Virtual Academy Welcome Governor Bob McDonnell to Virtual Public School

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Virginia Governor and First Lady join an interactive, web-based "virtual" class with students from online public school operated by Herndon-based K12 Inc.

RICHMOND, Va., Feb 18, 2010 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Today, K12 Inc. and the Virginia Virtual Academy (VAVA) welcomed Governor Bob McDonnell and First Lady Maureen McDonnell as they logged on to a live, interactive web-based class with students enrolled in the statewide online public school.

The "virtual" class was held in conjunction with a field trip to the Executive Mansion in Richmond hosted by VAVA for a group of local students and parents. The web-based class included VAVA students who were logged in from all across the state to participate in a lesson led by a teacher on Virginia's state government.

VAVA is a K-8 online public school program offered through Carroll County Public Schools in Virginia. It uses the award-winning curriculum and school services provided by Herndon-based K12 Inc., the nation's leader in online school programs for students in kindergarten through high school.

"We were honored to have Governor McDonnell and the First Lady meet with a group of our students at the Executive Mansion and delighted that they joined us in a 'virtual' class with our other students from across the state," said Suzanne Sloane, VAVA Head of School. "Our students, parents and teachers were excited that the Governor and First Lady took time to personally experience the unique and innovative way that we deliver instruction to students all over Virginia through our virtual public school. It was a tremendous thrill for all of us."

The Virginia Virtual Academy, along with a similar online public school program operated by K¹² in the District of Columbia, also stands out as one of the few public schools that remained open during the devastating snow storms that forced many schools in Virginia and DC-metro areas to close for multiple days. Despite the weather, students logged on to their daily lessons and joined teacher-led classes using interactive web-based technology. Both online public schools were able to fully operate and stay on schedule without any significant interruptions.

K¹² provides its curriculum and school services to online public schools in 25 states plus the District of Columbia. Since the company was founded in 1999, it has delivered over 1.5 million courses to more than 150,000 students in the U.S. and across the world.

About K12 Inc.

K12 Inc. (NYSE:LRN), a technology-based education company based in Herndon, VA, is the nation's largest provider of proprietary curriculum and online education programs to students in kindergarten through high school.

K¹² provides high quality, customized education solutions to school districts, charter schools, and directly to families ranging from individual courses to classroom and hybrid programs to full-time virtual school programs. K12 Inc. also operates the K¹² International Academy™, an accredited, diploma-granting online private school serving students in over 40 countries.

The K¹² virtual school program combines a high quality curriculum - using engaging online lessons and hands-on education materials - with professional teachers, advisors, and state-of-the-art technology that connect students to their school program. This gives families the flexibility to school at home, on the road, or wherever an Internet connection can be found.

K¹²'s mission is to provide any child the curriculum and tools to maximize success in life, regardless of geographic, financial, or demographic circumstances. More information can be found at www.K12.com.

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